

Systems Integration and Alignment Committee (SIAC) meeting
Friday, January 25, 2013
1:30pm – 3:30 pm
Location: ISBE Vtel room, 14th floor of the JR Thompson Center
Conference call in #: 888-494-4032
Pass code: 719 851 8485#

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions – 10 minutes

Adam Becker, CLOCC	Donna Dreiske, Prevent	Margaret Provost-Fyfe,
Amanda Ciatti, Oral	Blindness America	The Village of Oak Park
Health America	Ellen Walsh, Baby TALK	Department of Public
Andrea Densham, Child	Gina Ruther, DHS	Health
Care Network of	Gail Nelson, Carole	Peter Byrne, Easter Seals
Evanston	Robertson Center for	Reyna Hernandez, ISBE
Angela Hubbard, Ounce	Learning	
Ann Hanson, Ounce	Granada Williams, DHS	Sam Aigner-Treworgy,
Artishia Hunter, Positive	Janine Lewis, IMCHC	CPS
Parenting DuPage	Jeanna Capito, Positive	Theresa Hawley, OECD
Ashley Robinson, Voices	Parenting DuPage	
Beatrice Nichols, City of	Joanna Su, OECD	Tom Layman, IAFC
Chicago	Juanona Brewster, ICAAP	Tony Raden, Ounce
Carlos Fortenberry, IAFC	Judy Walker Kendrick,	Tracy Ocomy, COFI
Carol Morris, DCFS	Chicago Coalition of Site	Trish Rooney, SPARK Fox
Chelsea Guillen, Illinois EI	Administered Child Care	Valley
Training Program	Programs	Vanessa Rich, City of
Cindy Zumwalt, ISBE	Karen Berman, Ounce	Chicago
	Kim Collins, OECD	

II. Review SIAC meeting minutes from 6.13.12 – 10 minutes

Vanessa Rich

Meeting minutes from 6.13.12 were approved by members of the Committee, and submitted to the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development.

III. Early Learning Council Updates – 10 minutes

Karen Berman

Karen Berman shared and spoke to the Governor's Office (OECD) "Big Picture presentation," and how the Systems Integration and Alignment Committee is reviewing its work plan in collaboration with the OECD to ensure that the Committee's work plan aligns with the early childhood vision of OECD. Kim Collins gives an update on the current work of the Early Learning Council and the upcoming ELC meeting. Theresa Hawley updates the Committee on the next steps regarding the RTTT-Early Learning Challenge grant's scope of work approval and general planning. Theresa comments that commencing the work under RTTT may seem slow starting off but that the process is intentional because that is how the grant was designed.

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IV. SIAC: Status of Work Plan and Progress of Work – 15 minutes

- **Co-Chairs:** Karen Berman (Ounce of Prevention, Illinois Policy) and Vanessa Rich (City of Chicago, Department of Family and Support Services); **Staffer:** Christy Serrano (Ounce of Prevention Fund)

The Committee Co-Chairs discuss the structure of the Early Learning Council and the Systems Integration and Alignment Committee. The work process and structure under the Systems Integration and Alignment Committee will be as follows: Subcommittees under the Committee will create work plans and move forward the work of discrete early childhood areas within their respective Subcommittee (e.g. Health Subcommittee, Community Systems Development Subcommittee); potential work that is yet to be defined in detail or scope will be held at the Committee level and includes work around the post-pilot phase of the Early Learning Standards.

V. Health Subcommittee: Status of Work Plan and Progress of Work – 35 minutes

- **Co-Chairs:** Adam Becker (Consortium to Lower Childhood Obesity in Chicago Children) and Janine Lewis (Illinois Maternal Child Health Coalition); **Staffer:** Christy Serrano (Ounce of Prevention Fund)

The Health Subcommittee co-chairs share the Subcommittee's charge with the Committee and discuss objectives of Health Subcommittee work plan. The Health Subcommittee has also provided a written update with detailed information about meeting frequency, range of attendance and organizational presence at meetings, work in progress and timeline for completion, challenges or barriers encountered and significant linkages with other external tables. The Committee members discussed the following in more detail:

Subcommittee Co-Chairs presented its recommendations for changes to Rule 407 and its procedures related to Obesity Prevention for consideration by DCFS. The Co-Chairs share background information on connecting with DCFS around making revisions to Rule 407 and their desire for obesity prevention recommendations from ELC, Health Subcommittee. The Co-Chairs share that after making some light edits to the document the recommendations will be ready to present at the next ELC Executive Committee meeting.

Committee members raise questions regarding the recommendations around prohibiting serving children drinks with added sugar in child care (recommendations (B) and (C)). A meeting participant is worried that parents may not be supportive of recommendations around avoiding beverages with added sugars and juice. The Subcommittee Co-Chairs validate the participant's concern and agree that although changing the perceptions around nutrition of both the provider and the parent will be a challenge, but that part of the work of the state will be to engage parents and providers in understanding the benefits the new nutrition standards (e.g. new training, education and resources). In addition, it's likely that the new federal requirements under the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act will influence the USDA to alter its nutrition requirements under the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) to be aligned to what the Health Subcommittee is currently recommending around the consumption of juice and beverages with added sugars

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An additional concern that was raised involves how to engage the home based providers and the license exempt providers in the obesity prevention recommendations to Rule 407. The Subcommittee Co-Chairs recognize that the recommendations, if adopted, would only affect a portion of the early childhood care and education system and that more work will be done to make policy recommendations for improving obesity prevention measures outside center based and licensed care within the early childhood system.

The recommendations are approved with the understanding that a few changes are needed before they are presented to the ELC Executive Committee and full Council. There is also a recommendation from the Committee that a group of experts convene to discuss the implications of the interaction between technology, pedagogy and obesity prevention.

VI. Braiding, Blending & Sustainable Funding (BBSF) Subcommittee: Status of Work Plan and Progress of Work – 15 minutes

- **Co-Chairs:** Gina Ruther (Department of Human Services, Head Start Collaboration Office) and Sam Aigner-Treworgy (Chicago Public Schools, Office of Early Childhood); **Staffer:** Angela Hubbard (Ounce of Prevention Fund)

The Braiding, Blending & Sustainable Funding (BBSF) Subcommittee Co-Chairs deliver a brief introduction of their work objectives, and discuss the current draft of their work plan and its specific objectives, action steps and deliverables. The Subcommittee has also provided a written update with detailed information about meeting frequency, range of attendance and organizational presence at meetings, work in progress and timeline for completion, challenges or barriers encountered and significant linkages with other external tables.

VII. Community Systems Development (CSD) Subcommittee: Status of Work Plan and Progress of Work – 15 minutes

- **Chair:** Jeanna Capito (Positive Parenting DuPage); **Staffer:** Artishia Hunter (Positive Parenting DuPage)

The Community Systems Development Subcommittee chair delivers a brief introduction of the Subcommittee's goals and work objectives, and discusses their current draft of the work plan. Since the ELC restructuring, the Community Systems Development Subcommittee has become a Subcommittee of the Systems Integration and Alignment Committee and will be revising their work plan to ensure alignment with the full System Integration and Alignment Committee work plan and charge. The Subcommittee has also provided a written update with detailed information about meeting frequency, range of attendance and organizational presence at meetings, work in progress and timeline for completion, challenges or barriers encountered and significant linkages with other external tables.

VIII. Next Steps – 10 minutes

Vanessa Rich

- SIAC meetings: to be scheduled prior to Early Learning Council Meetings
 - Next meeting will be on May 30, 2013
- Work to be completed and Who is responsible

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- Christy Serrano will add a section for “the Subcommittee charge” to the reporting template that will be shared by each of the Subcommittees at future Committee meetings.
- The Committee will be convening a Special Education 0-5 Subcommittee in the near future and will be working with government agencies and the OECD to develop the work priorities for this Subcommittee
- The Committee Co-Chairs acknowledged that group did not have time during the meeting for dialogue on cross-systems items or areas of interest and that an effort would be made to have structured time at future Committee meetings to talk about systems-level work.

Handouts: Meeting Agenda; DRAFT meeting minutes from 6.13.12; Subcommittee update summaries (3); SIAC Work Plan; ELC & SIAC Structure Graph; Document on Plans for Early Learning Guidelines and Standards; DRAFT DCFS recommendations on nutrition, screen time and physical activity

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